IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLIN

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Civil Action No.: 22-cv-00517-WO-JLW

SABRINA GIBSON,

Petitioner,

APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER

VS.

THOMAS F. ROUPAS, JR. and PARR INVESTMENTS, LLC,

Respondents.	
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COMES NOW Petitioner, SABRINA GIBSON (hereinafter referred to as "Gibson"), by and through *Pro Se* submission, who brings this Application for Restraining Order, accompanied by the attached Affidavit in Support of Temporary Restraining Order, request that pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 65, that this Court issue a temporary restraining order that (a) enjoins respondents from any further acts of harassment, intimidation, coercion, abuse, or retaliation against petitioner. In support thereof, Gibson states as follows:

THE PARTIES

- 1. Petitioner Sabrina Gibson is *sui juris* before this Court, a resident of Hampton, Virginia, and the injured party as described herein and in the accompanying Affidavit in Support of Application for Temporary Restraining Order.
- 2. Respondent Thomas F. Roupas, Jr. ("Roupas") is *sui juris* before this Court, an adult citizen over the age of 18, and upon information and belief, is licensed to practice law in the State of North Carolina. At all times relevant herein, Thomas F. Roupas acted in a capacity as counsel for Gibson, under the terms of a Retainer Agreement, which created a fiduciary duty on his part towards

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Gibson.

3. Respondent Parr Investments, LLC ("Parr") is a for-profit property management and investment company, which, upon information and belief, is licensed to conduct everyday business in North Carolina.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS IN SUPPORT OF A TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

Petitioner incorporates by reference all allegations as set forth in the accompanying "Affidavit in Support of Application for Temporary Restraining Order." So as to not repeat all of the allegations, Petitioner requests that this Court reference the allegations contained in the "Affidavit in Support of Application for Temporary Restraining Order," which has been filed contemporaneously with this Application.

STANDARD FOR GRANTING INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

Under Rule 65 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the court may issue a preliminary injunction after notice has been provided to an adverse party. Fed. R. Civ. P. 65. "The standard for granting either a TRO or a preliminary injunction is the same." *Sarsour v. Trump*, 245 F.Supp.3d 719, 728 (E.D. Va. 2017). Like a preliminary injunction, a temporary restraining order is an 'extraordinary remed[y] involving the exercise of a very far-reaching power to be granted only sparingly and in limited circumstances." *Id*.

Accordingly, for the Court to grant a motion for a temporary restraining order the moving party must demonstrate "that he is likely to succeed on the merits, that he is likely to suffer irreparable harm in the absence of preliminary relief, that the balance of equities tips in his favor,

and that an injunction is in the public interest." Id. (citing Winter v. Natural Res. Def. Council, Inc.,

555 U.S. 7, 24, 129 S.Ct. 365, 172 L.Ed.2d 249 (2008)) (internal quotations omitted); see also

Pashby v. Delia, 709 F.3d 307, 320-21 (4th Cir. 2013) (each element of the test must be satisfied).

"A party seeking preliminary injunction ... must clearly show that it is likely to succeed on the

merits." Sarsour, 245 F.Supp.3d at 729 (alterations and quotation marks omitted). Irreparable harm

means harm that is "neither remote nor speculative, but actual and imminent." Direx Israel, Ltd. v.

Breakthrough Med. Corp., 952 F.2d 802, 812 (4th Cir. 1991). When evaluating whether to issue

an injunction, a court "should pay particular regard for the public consequences in employing the

extraordinary remedy of injunction." Winter, 555 U.S. at 24, 129 S.Ct. 365.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that a temporary restraining order is

warranted in the instant action. Respondents' demonstrated history show that they are not above

violating Gibson's rights and detrimentally affecting Gibson's overall safety, security and quality

of life. In compliance with Fed.R.Civ.P. Rule 65 and the caselaw authority cited herein, a

temporary restraining order and subsequent preliminary injunction should be issued to halt any

further harassing, coercive, abusive and/or harmful action on the part of Respondents.

Dated:

Respectfully submitted,

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